

First Church in Pembroke

November 2019 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

November 2nd -8-10 Pancake
Breakfast

November 5th - 7:30pm Church
Council Meeting

November 9th -9am-3pm Holiday
Fair

November 10th -12:15 Missions

November 11th -Veterans Day (office
closed)

November 12th -7:30pm Deacons
Meeting

November 19th -7:30pm Trustees
Meeting

November 22nd December Newsletter Deadline

November 24th -2-4 Advent Wreath
Making

November 26th-7:30pm Church
Council Meeting

November 28^h -Thanksgiving Day;
12-1 Thanksgiving Day Dinner

November 29th -office closed

Recurring Event

Every Thursday
Creative Workshop-7pm

Choir Practice - 7:30pm

Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Thrift Shop 11am -3pm

Deacons Corner

November greetings from the Diaconate. In this month of Thanksgiving we are blessed to continue to serve here at First Church. Although the church is in a time of transition and uncertainty, the love all of us feel for our church and our God is constant. Our Sunday services remain a sacred time and place to worship together in our Sanctuary. Please let any Deacon know if someone needs a card of support or celebration. Celebrate an occasion or remember a loved one by providing flowers for our service. The flower sign up sheet is on the door of the closet next to the stairs. We thank our acolytes for carrying the light of Christ into the sanctuary as they light the candles to begin our worship. As we approach the season of Thanksgiving and Advent, the Deacons will be here to prepare the church for worship and to ensure that we have continued ministerial leadership for our worship. Our church is undergoing change, but our love for our God is constant and unchanging.

Stewardship

Hello from the Stewardship Team. This month, November, is our church's traditional time for pledging our support for the coming year. First Church depends upon the support of its members not only to be able to offer us all a place to worship together but also to continue to bring God's love to our neighbors here in Pembroke and also in the wider world. We ask you to join with us in considering all that First Church has meant to you in the past and pledge your support as we go together into its future to do God's work. Stewardship Sunday will be November 24th. Together we will celebrate our love and support for our church as we bless our gifts. Thank you and may God continue to bless First Church and each other.

The Nominating Committee is beginning to prepare our 2020 ballot.

Committee work is so important for our church and a wonderful way to meet and gather with our church family. Please consider sharing your talents by serving on a committee as we are looking to fill positions. Also, please notify the committee if your term is ending and consider joining another committee. Nominating committee members: Lori Cahill, Marge Baumler, Carla Cassens, Ginny Wandell, Bonnie Morrison, Gail Sim.

Committees: Diaconate, Trustees, Christian Education, Missions, Endowment, Thrift Shop, Stewardship, CNK, Financial Review, Nominating, Flower, Publicity

Trustees

QuickBooks: Still working on inputting data.

Parsonage: Is coming along with work still to be done. All volunteers welcome. Call Gail Sim.

Sanctuary: Ceiling project collecting information from painting contractors.

Policy & Procedures: On usage of Fellowship Hall to be discussed at the next meeting.

2020 Budget: Please remember that all committees need to provide 2020 Budgets to Trustees ASAP, but no later than **November 13**.

Next Meeting: November 19th at 7:30.

Trustee's, Minutes: Are available in Kristen's office.

Pancake Breakfast

First Church is again hosting a Community Pancake Breakfast on the FIRST Saturday of the month from September – June from 8-10am in the church Fellowship Hall. Drop by as you head off to those sports events, on your way to do errands or to just have a relaxing start to your weekend and join us for Pancakes, Sausage, Juice and Coffee! Short Stack (2 pancakes & 2 sausages) \$3.00 and Super Stack (4 pancakes & 4 sausages) \$5.00. A great way to start your day – and you don't have to cook! Tickets available at the door.

See You November 2nd!!!

Search Team

The search committee would like to clarify to the congregation that search never went on hold. The profile was reinstated on August 1, 2019. At no time was it removed from the UCC job board. Unfortunately, we have only received 1 profile to review in 3 months that it has been posted. Patty Kogut will be meeting with the committee to tweak the profile on October 30, 2019. Please see below the email the Search Team received from Patty Kogut on September 13, 2019, explaining why she thinks we have not had any candidates coming our way. The Search Team shared this information with the congregation on September 15, 2019. If anyone would like any clarification, on the search, please feel free to reach out to me directly. Thank you Francine

Francine and Search Team,

Martha Goodman suggested I respond to your concern regarding the lack of candidates coming your way. I have a couple suggestions:

First, I am happy to come and meet with you, review the profile and perhaps consider how this search can have a fresh start. Second, it would not be improper for you to review the candidates that you received before and contact them if you are interested, letting them know that you are restarting the search. It is likely that if someone sent you a profile before, they will not send another even with a search restart. So, there may be interested folks within those you already received.

Third, your compensation package does not include some benefits that full-time clergy expect (for instance Health Insurance). That may be causing potential candidates to be hesitant. Please let me know how I can be a resource. Looking forward to restarting this process with you. Blessings, Patty

Missions

Our "Munchie Bag" luncheon was postpone but Missions went forward with the support for "Neighbors in Need". Envelopes were set up in the pews and an update was put in our church Sunday bulletin just as a reminder how important it is to support "Neighbors in Need".

On Sunday October 27th, the congregation met after Sunday's service in Fellowship Hall. Missions set up a table with envelopes for "Neighbors in Need" and a basket of cookies. They are not just any cookie, but these cookies have a Bible Verse in them. It is strange to find God's word in a fortune cookie! God is everywhere spreading his word and love. Everyone was invited to take one. A verse to cheer their day.

November 11th is Veteran's Day. \$100.00 will be given from the congregation of First Church to the Pembroke Military Support Group. We support the Pembroke Military Group twice a year, Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. Missions has set up the Military Basket in Fellowship Hall. They are asking everyone to donate items that the military personnel would like to receive at Christmas and Holiday time.

Items on the wish list:

Magazines/books	Gel DR. Scholl's inserts
Powder mix drinks	Nuts /trail mix/beef jerky
Small hand held games	Playing cards

All items will be given to the Pembroke Military Support Group for December 1st, as this is the deadline for Holiday mailings. A Holiday mailing box will be placed beside the Military Basket so everyone can sign a card wishing the Military personnel a "Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday". It is so wonderful to receive a greeting from "Home".

It is time to set up our P.J. Clothesline. Something a little different this year, just like last year we were asked if it would be possible to collect girl's leggings and stretch pants, boys and girls sweat pants instead of P.J.'s. Pembroke Library is doing the P.J.'s this year. We will call our Clothesline the "Stretch Cardboard Mannequin". Missions will supply the "zip" baggies with the slip in it to tell what size is needed and whether it is for a girl or boy. All items collected will be given to the Pembroke Recreation Department in Pembroke. These leggings, stretches and sweats will go to the needy children of our community.

Missions thanks everyone of our church congregation for all the love and support that they have given to help with our Mission projects and to help spread the word of God.

And thou shall love the Lord with all thy heart, and soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself.

Mark 12 verses 30 -31



Free for everyone!
**Thanksgiving Day
Dinner**

A Community Thanksgiving Holiday Celebration for all at...



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105 Center St.
(the big white church in center of town)

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Serving at NOON

All are invited to share a
traditional turkey dinner

First Church Pembroke – November 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 11-3 Thrift Shop 4-5:30 Brownies 7:30PM AA Meeting	2 8-10 Pancake Breakfast 11-3 Thrift Shop
3 10am Sunday Service	4 4:30-6 Brownies	5 5:30-6:30 Cub Scouts 7:30 Church Council	6 5:30-6:30 Cub Scouts	7 11 – 3 Thrift Shop 7:00 Crafters 7:30 Choir	8 11 – 3 Thrift Shop 4 PM Holiday Faire Set-Up	9 9-3 HOLIDAY FAIRE 11 – 3 Thrift Shop
10 10am Sunday Service 12:15 Missions Meeting 5-6:00 Juniors	11 Veterans Day (office closed) 5:30-6:30 Daisys	12 7:30 Deacons Meeting	13	14 11 – 3 Thrift Shop 7:00 Crafters 7:30 Choir	15 11-3 Thrift Shop 7:30PM AA Meeting	16 11 – 3 Thrift Shop
17 10am Sunday Service 5:30-7 Girl Scouts	18	19 5:30-6:30 Cub Scouts 7:30 Trustees Meeting	20 5:30-6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 CNK Board Meeting	21 11-3 Thrift Shop 7:00 Crafters 7:30 Choir	22 11-3 Thrift Shop (NEWSLETTER DEADLINE) 7:30PM AA Meeting	23 11 – 3 Thrift Shop
24 10am Sunday Service STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 2-4 PM Advent Wreath Making 5-6:30 Juniors	25 3-5 CNK Staff Meeting 4:30-6:30 Daisys	26 7:30 Church Council Meeting	27 Thanksgiving Day Set-Up	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING 12-1 Thanksgiving Day Dinner Served	29 11-3 Thrift Shop (office closed) 7:30PM AA Meeting	30 11-3 Thrift Shop 11:30-5:30 Eagle Scout Ceremony